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## "Mrs. Foggybottom" Comes to Foggy Bottom!

A special entertainment treat awaits you Monday evening, February 28, when longtime local political satirist and cabaret star Joan Cushing is featured at the FBA Meeting. Also known as "Mrs. Foggybottom," she and her group of talented singers and dancers liven up this month's meeting with a roughly 45-minute version of their latest act. Admission is free for members and nonmembers alike. Show up on time to get a seat!

Joan Cushing is a composer, lyricist, and satirist whose witty and urbane songs and irreverent monologues have been popular staples of the Washington nightclub scene and political gatherings for more than two decades.

Her current act, "Mrs. Foggybottom & Friends," debuted at the Shoreham Hotel's Marquee Lounge in 1986 and has been drawing appreciative audiences there ever since. It features tunes and commentary with scathing insights into today's headlines.

Ms. Cushing, who lives in Washington, is a classically trained pianist and former school teacher who grew up in Illinois. She has also produced the albums "Lady Sings the News" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Shoreham."

## FB Members Love A Party!

Braving chilly weather, piles of ice and slushy lakes in the streets, more than 150 Foggy Bottom Association members, current members, former members, new members and some special guests — met Sunday afternoon, February 13, for refreshments, fellowship, entertainment and fun at The Grand Hotel.

The party, arranged by Membership Director Henrietta Zoltrow, was the second one held by the FBA, and was deemed a success in all its aspects. An important goal, the signing up of over 50 new members, was a source of special pride for Zoltrow.

The site of the party, the Mayfair Room of the Grand, was elegant, and Darryl Winston, Sales Manager of the Grand, arranged for special entertainment, singers who performed operatic and show music selections. Zoltrow expressed her gratitude to Winston for his help and special courtesies before and during the party.

Among the special guests was Joan Cushing, also known as "Mrs. Foggybottom," who will appear with her troupe at the February 28 FBA meeting. A door prize was an evening at a Shoreham Hotel Mrs. Foggybottom performance.

## News Notes

### 26th & L Property Acquired

Ted Pedas, a local developer, has acquired the property at 26th & L Streets, NW. The property, currently vacant, was the subject of a controversial Planned Unit Development

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## BZA Holds Hearings on Western Feeding Program

On February 2, 1994 the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) concluded the second part of the Western Presbyterian Church's appeal of the Zoning Administrator's ruling that the church cannot operate a large feeding program as a matter of right in a residential or SP zone. The BZA will announce a decision at its next meeting on March 2.

Construction of the new Western Presbyterian Church will soon be completed, and the Church had hoped to continue operating Miriam's Kitchen, a breakfast feeding program for the homeless, at its new location at 2401 Virginia Avenue. Local residents complained to D.C. Zoning Administrator Joseph Bottner that a zoning variance was needed before the Church could operate the feeding program. The Church claimed that a variance was not required and appealed the Bottner ruling to the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

The BZA held hearings on January 19 and February 2 before a large audience. Lawyers representing Western Presbyterian provided lengthy testimony that the feeding program was a normal or customary use for a church facility. They cited a survey of over 100 churches in the Washington Metropolitan area whereby most were engaged in feeding the needy.

Many residents from the community testified in opposition to the Church's appeal including Sara Maddux on behalf of ANC-2A, Chris Lamb and Barbara Kahlow on behalf of the Foggy Bottom Association, Lucille Molinelli on behalf of the West End Civic Association, Mary Healy, Irene Parsons and Ramona Lauda. Residents argued that there were no comparable feeding programs in residential neighborhoods and that the BZA should weigh the potential negative impact of such a program on the Foggy Bottom community.

## FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Featuring:

"Mrs. Foggybottom"  
and Friends

Monday, February 28, 1994

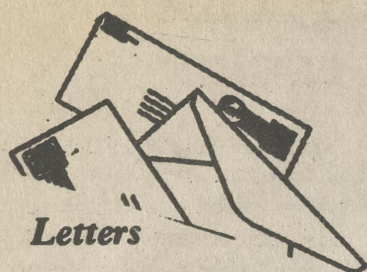
St. Paul's Parish House

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7:30 p.m.

(Next Meeting: Monday, March 28)





## Letters

### Ads Are Not Welcome

I would like to express a concern about merchants who leave advertisements on our front doors. This practice tells potential thieves that no one is home. If the resident is out of town, it tells everyone that no one has been home for several days.

I've called the merchants, but most don't seem to care, because they think it is an inexpensive way to advertise. I personally boycott all merchants who distribute advertisements in this manner. I know of others who do the same. I urge all residents who feel like me to do likewise. Merchants have many alternative ways of advertising without contributing to the increase of crime in our neighborhood.

I also suggest that the Association take a position on this practice and then notify merchants who advertise this way, that the community does not support such advertising practices. It may also be appropriate for the Association to contact the City Council and determine whether legislation is appropriate.

Kenneth Durham

Ken:

I agree wholeheartedly. I too recently called a company which left a promotion on my doorknob. The person I spoke with thanked me for calling, and it may be corrected. She indicated that those who distribute flyers contend they cannot put them in mail boxes or mail slots, and I assured her they are mistaken; there is no reason only the Postal Service can use a mailbox or mail slot which belongs to the homeowner.

Another major problem is the small yellow slip left by UPS drivers. The company will instruct their people not to leave the slips in a prominent place on your door, if you make a special request. Call 301-341-7552 to make that request.

Sometimes people just don't realize; our good friends at the Fire Department once left large, vibrant orange doorhangers advertising their fire inspection services. When advised of the "signals" they were giving, they apologized saying they had not realized the effect. The citywide program was altered to prohibit leaving the hangers on the outside of doors, and orders

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## St. Mary's Birthday Bash

On Tuesday, March 22, St. Mary's Court will celebrate its Fifteenth Anniversary. To mark this event, and to express its gratitude to the Foggy Bottom community and its many friends, St. Mary's Court will host a party that evening beginning at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a reception, dancing to Eddy McDermion's music and an opportunity to visit with residents, neighbors and friends.

It is hoped that this event will provide an opportunity for St. Mary's Court and its residents to celebrate their fifteenth anniversary with their neighbors and friends in Foggy Bottom.

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## Health Report Examines Diets

The January/February 1994 issue of the *National Women's Health Report* examines why common approaches to weight loss fail and what women can do to redirect their energy away from being thin and refocus on what it takes to be healthy.

The report, which examines why most diet strategies fail to keep promises of long-term weight loss, is published by the National Women's Health Resource Center, headquartered at Columbia Hospital for Women.

Also featured in the *Health Report* are resources for more information on healthful approaches to weight management and reduction; an update on the recent publicity about mammography screening for women under 50; and much more.

To receive a free copy of the January/February issue of the *National Women's Health Report* on Weight Reduction & Management: Long-Term Strategies for Success, call 202-293-6045.

## Local Sculptor Has Exhibit

Shirley Koller, a Foggy Bottom resident for the past 25 years, will exhibit at Mt. Vernon College's Gatehouse Gallery March 1-25, 1994. An opening reception, to which the public is cordially invited, will take place Saturday, March 5, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Mt. Vernon College is located at 2100 Foxhall Rd. and W St. N.W. The Gatehouse Gallery is at the entrance, with ample parking nearby.

## Items of Interest from the DC Register

by Barbara F. Kahlow

### Public Meetings

- 2/8 DC Council Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs on "Congregate Housing and Rooming House Amendment Act of 1994"

### Other Notices

- 1/1 Department of Public Works' two withdrawals of Notices of Proposed Rulemakings (10/8/93 & 11/12/93) on changing the direction of 26th Street and reducing parking in the West End
- 1/28 Zoning Commission's Order denying Marija Hughes' motion for reconsideration of denial of party status for the PUD and map change for GWU/WETA

## State Plaza Introduces Weekend Brunch

Warren Volk, Executive Chef of The Garden Cafe at the State Plaza Hotel, has announced the start of a special weekend brunch. The brunch is available as either a full, three-course meal including cappuccino or Peach Bellini for a fixed price of \$19.95, or a la carte with items ranging from \$5.25 to \$13.50.

Available between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, the brunch will change seasonally to take advantage of the best locally-produced meats and produce. Some of the menu selections currently featured include: Smoked Salmon and Potato Galette with Creme Fraiche and Caviar, Roasted Vegetable Bisque, Rum Battered Croissant Toast with Red Currant Syrup, White Hominy Grits with Skillet Fried Apples and Duck Sausage Gravy, and Poached Farm Eggs with Mushrooms, Red Wine and Bacon over Grilled Walnut Toast.

The Garden Cafe at the State Plaza Hotel, longtime *FB News* advertiser, is tucked away on a tree-lined street in Foggy Bottom and is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Reservations are recommended.

## Stop A Car Thief In His Tracks!

In the next thirty seconds, somewhere in the U.S., a car will be stolen. Countless others will be vandalized or stripped on the spot. And 68 times today, a motorist will be involved in a carjacking.

Your car doesn't have to be new to attract the attention of thieves. In fact, older, non-descript cars are often preferred by joy riders or thieves who want to use the car in another crime.

Most stolen cars are recovered, but not without incurring damage, which usually costs \$250 to \$800. Other cars disappear inside "chop shops" that dismember them for parts that have a total street value three times greater than the car itself.

To steal most autos, a professional car thief needs only a screw driver and about forty-five seconds. But there are a number of things you can do to encourage a thief to pass by your car:

**Park in heavily traveled, well-lit areas** with your front wheels turned into the curb so your car can't be towed off. About one-third of all thefts occur while the car is parked at home.

**Never leave the motor running or the keys in the ignition** while you run a quick errand. Eight percent of all stolen cars are unlocked and 40% have the key in the ignition. Either situation is an open invitation to a thief.

**Hide any valuable contents** from view and keep your registration in your wallet instead of the glove compartment.

**Leave only your ignition key with a parking attendant**, if necessary. And, never leave any identification in the car. Many times a car theft also results in a burglary at the home of the victim. A split key ring, with just your ignition key on one end is cheap insurance.

**Mark your car**, using a vehicle identification device available through most local police departments.

### Anti-Theft Devices

There are also a number of devices that can protect the contents of your car and make it difficult to drive it off. They range in price from about \$20 to several hundred dollars, but may qualify your car for a discount from your auto insurance company.

The anti-theft devices range from a simple hook lock and kill switch to a metal bar that locks the steering wheel or an "S" hook that interlocks the steering wheel to the gas, brake or clutch pedal. You can also buy an armored collar that locks around the steering column to protect the ignition. The more sophisticated systems sound an alarm and flashing lights if someone tampers with the car. Some ultra sophisticated systems actually emit a computerized voice that warns someone who gets too close to the car.

If the worst happens and your car is stolen, contact the police and your insurance agency immediately.

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# Sidewalk Talk

By Betty Olsen

Grace Watson flew down to St. Croix in the Virgin Islands recently and Ernst Ziegler returned to Germany for a stay with his family. He exclaimed, "When my plane was landing at National after flying over the Memorials I really felt like I was home again." Darryl Rumsey and Mel Meada motored to New York City and Richard and Nancy Sheppard hopped a plane for a Plaza respite there.

Did you see Jane Lingo's write-up with picture of Lucille and Jimmy Molinelli recently? My *By George* was really late in arriving but the coverage was worth the wait.

Met Alexandra Blackhurst recently. Did you know that she and Anne Keer (Lomas) Charles grew up together in Chestertown and, now grown, live within a block of each other in Foggy Bottom?

Welcome new residents at Watergate: Ms. Beverly Danielson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Jonathan F. Hymes, Mr. Robert A. Hefner III, Mr. Inge Skjelfjord, Mr. Robert T.

Thompson, and Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Zinberg.

Hear that Dee Prinz celebrated a BIG birthday recently. Can I say which one, Dee?

Pat and Kiri Tith have returned from their around-the-world trip, stopping in Hawaii, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Rome and Paris. Both travel on business internationally but this was for pure pleasure.

Phil Stockslager is now organist at the Episcopal Church on Wisconsin Avenue right up the block from the "social" Safeway. Even if you are not a churchgoer, I hear that the music performed on Sundays there is worth a visit, and if you are — it is always fun to visit around different interesting churches in the area... we have many.

Hear that Robin Young is assistant to the General Counsel of the Senate. This is her first assignment after graduation last May from The George Washington University Law School.

Did you see Jack Evans and Rev. John Wimberly on Peter Jennings' News recently? Heard

from some that it was Dan Rather so since I hadn't seen it myself tried to piece it together which I couldn't so had to call Evans' chief of staff, Linda Greenan, to hear what really happened.

No, Roger Wilson hasn't finished his paper yet for another degree he's working on along with his jurisprudence degree, but he's getting closer and closer. He traveled with it to Atlanta to see his folks... but just didn't get around to finishing it up... quite yet. But hey, in 1994 who knows... only the Shadow knows, at this point in time.

Robin Gross, young attorney around town, has recently been assigned as special assistant to the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury. Gross is a recent grad from the George Washington University Law Center.

## Frank Joins Pardoe

Ken Frank, a ten-year resident of Foggy Bottom/West End, has been named Sales Manager of the Georgetown office of Pardoe Real Estate, Inc. A native of Kansas City, Mr. Frank completed his undergraduate degree at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and his graduate studies at Oklahoma State University. Upon his arrival in the Washington, DC area in 1979, Mr. Frank provided training and technical assistance to HUD, state and local housing agencies as well as to the private sector before beginning his real estate sales career in 1986.

You may know Ken better because of his Cairn Terrier Oscar, his wife Beth or his nearly one-year-old son Jordan, all of whom live on 25th Street in Westminster Court. Ken also delivers the *FB News* to his 25th Street neighbors.

## Foggy Bottom Residents Invited To View "Firing Line" Taping

The William F. Buckley "Firing Line" television series will tape a two-hour debate on the topic "RESOLVED: Welfare Has Done More Harm Than Good" at the George Washington University in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15. Buckley will captain the team supporting the resolution. Michael Kinsley

of the New Republic magazine and CNN's Crossfire will moderate the debate. Other panelists will soon be announced.

Foggy Bottom residents are invited to attend the taping. Call (202) 994-6463 to reserve seats. Leave name, phone number and the size of your party. Mr. Buckley requests that the audience be seated by 12:15 p.m.

## ANA Presents Sondheim Show

A live cabaret show entitled "Side by Side by Sondheim" will be featured in the ANA Hotel's Executive Forum Theater. A total of 23 performances will take place on Thursday and Friday nights at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. from Friday, March 10 to Sunday, May 1, 1994. Each show is 90 minutes plus an intermission.

"Side by Side by Sondheim" is a celebration of the work of Stephen Sondheim from a British point of view. It was designed for three versatile performers by David Kernan, one of the original cast members, and covers the composer's work from "West Side Story" to

"Pacific Overtures." The cast consists of Michael Pizzi, Beth McAlexander and Tamara Stajmiger. All three performers have extensive experience in area theater.

Ticket prices per person: Theater, \$20.00; Dinner & Theater, \$37.00; Theater & dessert, \$28.00; Colonnade Sunday Champagne Brunch & Theater, \$49.00; Group of 30 plus for Theater, \$16.00. All prices include taxes and gratuities; a \$2.00 service charge will be added to each ticket. For tickets call (301) 236-5831 or outside the metro area (800) 351-4614. The ANA Hotel is at 24th & M Streets, N.W.

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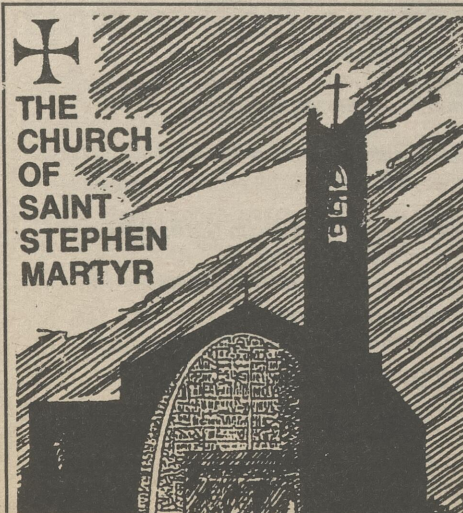
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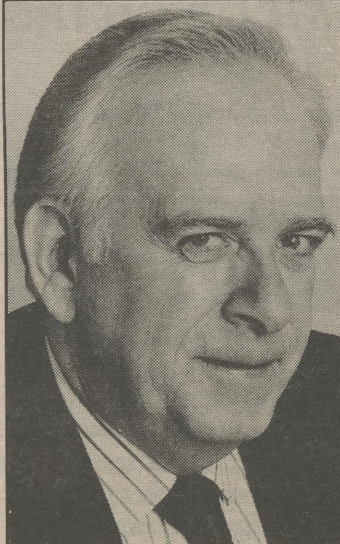
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## I Learned the Hard Way About Fireplace Safety

By Steve Timlin

During the seven-plus years I've lived in my house in Foggy Bottom, I've learned from some neighbors that they have smoke problems with their fireplaces. I also had smoke problems with the fireplaces in the three apartments in my town house. When a fire was made in one fireplace, smoke came out into the other two apartments. I had the chimneys cleaned during different seasons so I knew the chimneys were clear and clean and I thought they were safe.

For the first several years, I was occupied with replacing two heating and air conditioning systems, two water heaters, 22 windows, a new roof, etc., etc. By 1992, I was ready to have the outside wall opened to find the cause of the smoke problem. The mason, Mr. Allen, started with the basement apartment's fireplace. When he opened the wall, he found that the wall was hollow behind the firebox and there were open spaces big enough to hold a couple of television sets.

Smoke traveled from the damper into these spaces and through any small spaces and found its way into the other fireplaces and apartments. These spaces should have been filled in with mortar, brick and construction debris when the fireplaces were built in 1960, during the restoration done by a previous owner. The mason filled in these spaces and proceeded up the wall to the main floor fireplace and top floor fireplace. He found the same problem at each fireplace and again packed the empty spaces to make a solid wall.

I had the mason remove and reset the top row of bricks pro-

viding more space for smoke to move around freely. He packed those solid, too, so we thought the smoke problem was solved.

When my basement tenant had a fire in the fireplace while I was out for an evening last November, smoke again came out into my apartment and the top floor apartment. When I returned home, I found my apartment so full of smoke I could hardly see across the room. I turned on my kitchen and bathroom ventilators, opened windows and let my front door stand open. I checked the top floor apartment and had to do the same there, although the smoke wasn't as bad. My basement tenant was ok and unaware of the smoke problem in the other apartments.

When I called the mason and told him I still had the original problem, despite the work already completed, he said he would return to solve the problem. His crewmembers returned December 8 and put up the scaffolding to resume the project. The mason became seriously ill, was hospitalized, and the scaffolding remained in place all winter and spring until he was able to return on June 10. By this time, I and all my neighbors were sick of looking at the scaffolding which had been the eyesore of Eye street for so long.

The mason determined that we had a new project at hand to repair the terrible workmanship left by an unknown mason in 1960. Now it was time to open up the wall to see if the terra cotta flue sections were improperly installed.

Sure enough, they were improperly installed, with no mortar between sections, and no

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angle cuts made to properly join flue sections at changes in direction from the fireboxes to the straight sections which went up to the roof and from the flues to the chimney on the roof. The flue sections were surrounded by open space which should have been filled in, as well. Therefore, smoke and flame from each fireplace hit the improperly set flue sections and some flame and smoke went outside the flue sections into the empty space between the flue sections and the interior walls of the living rooms. One section of flue was set in such a terrible position that the mason phoned me at the office to come home and look at it. He said it was one of the worst masonry construction jobs that he had seen in his career.

The job done by the mason who built the fireplaces in 1960 was truly criminal. He endangered the lives and property of numerous tenants and three owners of the house. If fire had shot up the empty spaces surrounding the flues, the attic could have been set on fire and the house could have been destroyed with possible life and property. As it was, every tenant and owner who has lived in the house since 1960 has had the nuisance of smoky fireplaces when someone in the house made a fire.

Rebuilding the fireplaces, replacing all the flue sections for the three fireplaces and the related work has been, by far, the most aggravating and expensive project I have undertaken for my townhouse. Now I have safe, smoke-free fireplaces which I and my tenants can use and enjoy.

Have you moved into a townhouse which has a smoky fireplace? Has your next door neighbor said he or she has a smoky fireplace on a wall he or she shares with you? Does smoke come out of *your* fireplace when your next door neighbor has a fire in the fireplace?

If you enjoy the use of your fireplace, you should also consider whether your fireplace is



Photo by Betty Olsen

safe. Don't burn down several houses because of defects in your fireplace.

If you have a smoky fireplace, have it inspected by a qualified brickmasonry contractor. Do not rely on a chimney cleaning company to give you assurance that your fireplace and chimney are *safe* as well as clean. Smoky

fireplaces are a sign of danger and should not be neglected. If it is found that your fireplace and chimney are unsafe, have them rebuilt. If you cannot spend the funds, have the fireplace closed up or just don't use it. *Think fire safety!* It is important to you, your neighbors and your community.

## Eileen Joyner's Sketches in Hexagon Show

Columbia Plaza residents Eileen Joyner and Terry Lewis are a husband and wife writing team whose comedy sketches will come to life in this year's Hexagon Show. Titled "Sarcastic Park," Hexagon premieres Wednesday evening March 2 at the Duke Ellington School for the Performing Arts. The show runs Wednesdays through Sundays until March 27. Proceeds will go to Bread for the City and Zacchaeus Clinic.

Joyner, a folk singer, has entertained Foggy Bottom residents at several FBA events such as the Fall Festival.

It's appropriate that John McLaughlin and Morton Kondroche will be hosting the Opening Night performance. Joyner & Lewis wrote a sketch satirizing The McLaughlin Group as they take on the world of soccer.

Other sketches by Joyner & Lewis include:

- "Lights out at the White House" — what really happened when the former presidents spent the night with the Clintons.
- "Another Day at the Hearings" — chaos ensues when Clinton sends over his nomination to take Chelsea to the prom.
- "After NAFTA." — indecent proposals on the Hill.
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By Betty Olsen

Heard Mrs. Foggybottom, Joan Cushing, and Friends on morning radio, WRC-AM's "Pat and Mike Show." They were telling about taking part in the Round House Theatre privatization (they are not taking any further funds from the Federal government). Now that is NEWS. Hope it is catching. Mrs. Foggybottom will be with her troupe at the FBA meeting this coming Monday and you are invited of course. Come and bring a friend to enjoy her show with lots of satire on the nation's capital.

Remember the Arts Club of Washington next door to the Hotel Lombardy is continuing its popular music schedule on Fridays at noon. Dr. Bill Montgomery lines up choices from his musical department at the University of Maryland and they are choice indeed. For information call 331-7282.

Jose Maria Perez de Cosion, a well-known painter, sculptor, ceramacist and lecturer in Spain, is presenting his show at the Arts Club, his first

in the United States. The artist was "in residence" in Washington for the month of February.

Elections will be held in September for all ANC members in all districts. Commissioners chosen in these races will begin their terms in January of 1995.

The Hotel Lombardy has welcomed our ANC meetings for the last few months. Their meeting room, as the State Plaza's for West End Citizens Association, is so conducive to a good meeting and the hotel coffee and sweets certainly make a meeting memorable. By the way, both hotels have been grand advertisers in the *News* and are connected with the Classic Collection.

If you like to exercise your toes try the Park Hyatt weekend dinner dance with live music to tap, tap tap those digits. See ad elsewhere in the *News*.

WETA and George Washington University are combining their time and talents for their project on GWU campus. The joining was unanimously approved by the BZA of the District of Columbia recently. That means that McNeil and Lehrer will be seen on the sidewalks of Foggy Bottom in the future.

To get in touch with your blood pressure? St. Mary's Court checks them free of charge once a month. Call 223-5712 for schedules.

This is Campbell Soup Com-

pany's 125th birthday. Some Souper Stats: In one year, Campbells uses almost one million miles of noodles, enough to circle the equator 40 times; celebrities from Ronald Reagan to Orson Wells have served as spokespeople for various Campbell goods. Even Lassie pitched company products when the firm sponsored the celebrity canine's TV show; a \$100 investment in Campbell Soup Company in 1955, the year Campbell became public, would be worth \$5,186 as of July 31, 1993. Not a bad return. Soup is found in more American households than eggs, dry cereal, pasta, sugar and even soda pop. Today, Americans buy approximately 80 cans of Campbell's soup every second of every day of the year. There are other super stats collected in 125 years but this will hold you until their 130th celebration.

Darryl Winston of The Grand Hotel is president of Washington's Opera Camerata, which is busy preparing for a special musical celebration. The "Petite Messe Solennelle" by Rossini in its original version will be presented March 5 and 12 at St. Matthew's Cathedral at 8:00 p.m. The original version features 12 solo voices, 2 pianos and harmonium. The event, which celebrates the bicentennial of Rossini's birth, is free but a \$10 donation is suggested. For information call 202-467-6624.



Lillian Gordon, Hazel Shindell and Jim Story. Gordon is manager of the IONA-St. Mary's Court luncheon program and Story is a former pupil of Hazel Shindell.

## A Coincidence at St. Mary's Court

Hazel Shindell, a resident of the President Apartments, was 98 this year and her birthday was celebrated at St. Mary's Court, where she has dined for many years. After being introduced and asked to say a few words, Hazel spoke about her fifty years devoted to teaching school in Pueblo, Colorado.

Jim Story, also an IONA diner, who lives at St. Mary's Court, sat up — his eyes grow-

ing wider and wider. "I was her student," he called out to Hazel and her startled listeners. "I remember she was strong and strict, and when you got out of her class you really knew something. One day I came to school in a zoot suit and she told me, 'Go home and change. This is not a monkey class — this is for learning!'" Everyone had a good laugh, and shook their heads at what a small world it is.

## Women's Health Care Day To Be Held at GW March 7

The George Washington University's Women's Issues Now sponsors the second annual "Women's Health Care Day," providing health care information, demonstrations and activities available to the public, free of charge.

Over 30 organizations from the D.C. metropolitan area will provide information, activities and demonstrations concerning many aspects of women's health such as AIDS, birth control, nutrition, cancer, eating disorders, violence against women, sleep disorders, well-

ness, sexually transmitted disease, child and day care, menopause, osteoporosis and health care for immigrants.

There will be free demonstrations of self-defense, yoga and stress-relieving activities, along with speakers and singers throughout the day.

The date is Monday, March 7; the time; 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will take place at the Marvin Center, Third Floor Ballroom, 800 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC. Admission is free and open to the public.

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## Sheraton Is Volunteerism Example

The Sheraton City Centre Hotel, at 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, is a fine example of volunteerism in action. It has formed a special relationship with the students and faculty of Stevens Elementary School, located two blocks from the hotel. A number of ongoing projects help the school, as well as special events from time to time. For example, in the fall hotel employees presented a program on fire safety tips during National Fire Safety Week. Some of the other projects undertaken are:

**Holiday Greeting Card Contest:** This year's hotel holiday greeting card was designed by a student from Stevens. Thirty children worked on a design: one student's art work was selected and featured on the card (mailed annually to nearly 1000 hotel clients and vendors).

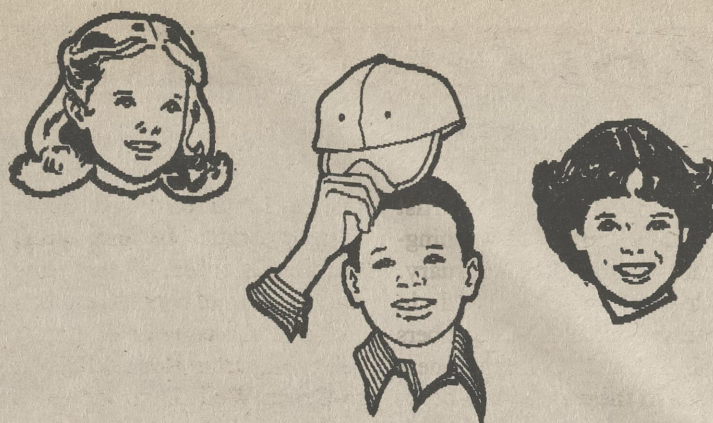
In early December, the hotel hosted a holiday party at the hotel for all students who participated in the contest (all entries were on display). Of course, Santa Claus made an appearance and other "surprises" were planned.

**Cooking Class:** For the first time in the school's history, Stevens is offering its students "Cooking 101." Our own Executive Chef, Mark Pearson, is teaching the class! A group of ten students meet with Chef each Thursday afternoon. Staff from the catering/banquet departments also lead sessions on "restaurant and dining" etiquette. A gourmet feast — completely prepared by the students — is being planned for the end of the semester.

**Volunteer Tutors:** More than 25 hotel employees — including the hotel's General Manager, Yale Feldman — volunteer time each week assisting Stevens students with reading, writing and basic arithmetic. Tutoring sessions take place at the school; each employee is matched one-on-one with a student. Some terrific friendships are developing!

**Honor Roll Awards Luncheon:** At the end of each semester, students who make the "honor roll" are recognized with a special luncheon and awards presentation at the hotel.

**Safeway and Giant Receipts:** The hotel is also saving Giant and Safeway cash register receipts for the school, which later can be redeemed for equipment including computers, audio visual aids, sports equipment and other needed materials.



## St. Paul's Parish Launches Children's Choral Programs

St. Paul's Parish on K Street is pleased to announce open rehearsals every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. for prospective members of its new Girls' Choir. Beginning in Lent, the girls of St. Paul's will perform at the Saturday 9:30 a.m. Mass. Interested choristers and their parents are welcome to attend the Mass and the rehearsal prior to it. These open rehearsals with several beginning choristers are a chance to learn about the choir and its traditions. Interested parents may contact the Director of Music, Jeffrey Smith (202-337-5496), or the Church School Administrator, Marty Last (703-534-7275) for more information.

Girls aged 7 to 18 are eligible. They need no prior training or experience, nor need their families be members of St. Paul's Parish. Commitment would involve one weekday rehearsal and a Saturday rehearsal and performance. Other rehearsals may be scheduled as needed prior to performance.

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Girls may "intern" with the expert adult mixed choir at the 9:00 sung Mass on Sundays. In addition to regular Sunday services, there are many performance opportunities for the choir for such major feasts as Epiphany, Ascension, and All Saints Day, as well as for special services and concerts.

## News Notes

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(PUD) several years ago. The Zoning Commission had approved a building that community leaders claimed was too large and would not attract long-term residents. The owner went bankrupt and the property reverted back to the bank. Pedas' purchase may result in renewed attempts to develop the site.

### Stop Sign Petition

A petition to the Department of Public Works to install a stop sign at the intersection of 21st and F Streets is being circulated in apartment buildings. Residents are urged to support this drive organized by Susie Baranano of The Empire Apartments.

### Appeal of BZA Rulings Is Discussed

After the ANC-2A on February 10 ended, residents stayed on to discuss the advisability of, and plans to file appeals to the WETA, University Inn and Marvin Center rulings by the BZA. It was estimated that a sum of \$15,000 would have to be raised for legal fees. Opinions differed and feelings about pursuing the appeals were not unanimous: some residents cautioned against taking on so many issues rather than focusing on one that would be in the best interests of the community as a whole.

### Sportswoman of the Year From Local School

Marcia Shannon Feaster of the School Without Walls was named the 1994 SnackWell Scholar Sportswoman of the Year. In addition to being valedictorian, she is captain of the U.S. Junior Olympic Racquetball Team and is on the school's tennis team. She also maintains a 3.0 GPA. Congratulations to Marcia and her school, which is located on G Street between 20th and 21st Streets.

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## ANC Highlights

At the February 10th meeting, the ANC:

**Pride of Washington Festival.** Passed a resolution to support the June 4, 1994 Pride Day Festival to be held on the grounds behind Francis Junior High School on N Street, between 24th and 25th Streets, NW. A temporary fence will be erected and security will be provided for the safety of local residents.

**Western Presbyterian Church.** Passed a resolution strongly opposing issuance of a permit to demolish the Western Presbyterian Church at 1906 H Street, NW. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is expected to file an application for a permit from the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs in the near future.

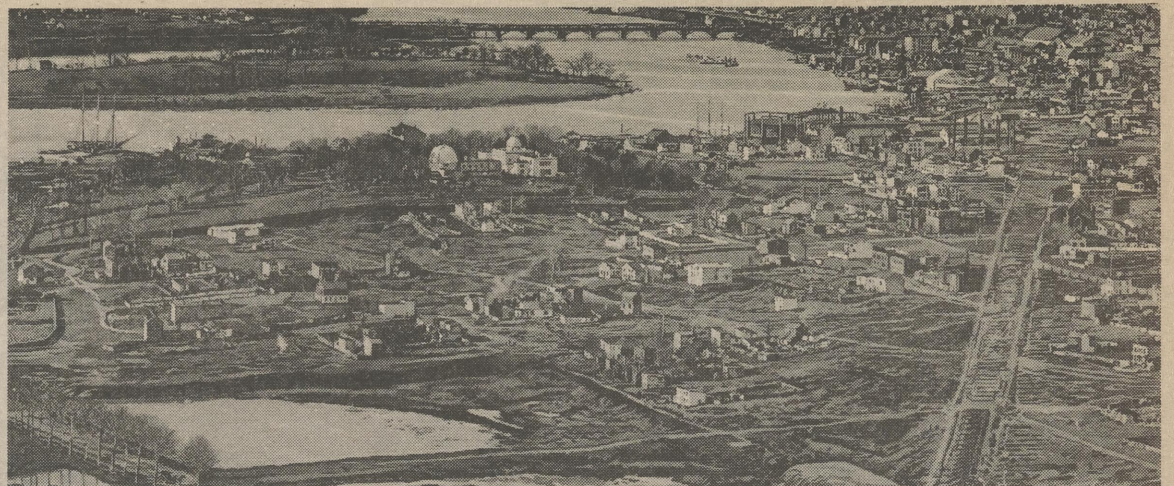
**George Washington University (GWU) Marvin Center.** Voted to give a grant of \$500.00 to the West End Tenants Association. The money will be used to retain an architect to provide alternative designs for the proposed Marvin Center renovation. GWU's President Trachtenberg had agreed to consider alternative designs to mitigate any negative impacts that the Marvin Center renovation

would have on the West End Apartment building (light, air, deliveries, trash pick up, etc.).

**GWU Marvin Center.** Passed a resolution strongly encouraging the Board of Zoning Adjustment to include several restrictions in any order approving the application by GWU to expand and renovate the Marvin Center. The restrictions relate to design features, construction and operations.

**George Washington University Campus Plan.** Voted to expend up to \$1,000 for an attorney to assist the ANC in preparing a draft document regarding GWU's off-campus purchase of property for university use. Recently GWU has purchased the following properties: Howard Johnson's, the Allen Lee Hotel, One Washington Circle and Riverside Apartment Building. These properties are outside of GWU's approved campus plan.

**George Washington University/WETA.** Passed a motion to have an ANC representative testify before the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) in opposition to the joint GWU/WETA telecom-



"Foggy Bottom and Georgetown," is an oil on canvas painted by Frank Wright in 1991, showing Foggy Bottom with Georgetown on the right, Analostan Island on the left and with the C&O Canal emerging from the distance, crossing Aqueduct Bridge, in a view from the site of the yet-unfinished Washington Monument, circa 1882.

Wright, GWU professor of drawing and graphics, has been painting historical scenes for some years. Works by Wright are on display through March 24 in the Dimock Gallery, Lisner Auditorium, 21st and H Streets, N.W., in an exhibition titled "Remembering Times Past; Savoring Times Present." The gallery is also showing works by William Woodward, GW professor of painting, through March 24, in a presentation titled, "The Venetian Hours: Paintings; 1982-1993." Hours: 10-5, Tues-Fri, 12-5 Sat, closed Monday, admission free.

munications project. NCPC will review the project in March in an advisory capacity only as it relates to the Federal elements in the D.C. Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The ANC's objections relate to the 1910 Height Act and concerns over electromagnetic emissions.

**2100 Pennsylvania.** The International Finance Corporation (IFC) will be invited to the next meeting to discuss its proposed project at 2100 Pennsylvania

Avenue, NW. The IFC recently acquired the property from the Pedas family. The site was

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